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Antique Chinese Snowflake Ruby Glass Overlay Cameo Snuff Bottle Chilong Coral Silver C1780-1850



450 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Glass

Height : 7.5 cm

Description

A fine and unusual Chinese overlay glass snuff bottle dating to the late 18th to early 19th century, Qianlong to Daoguang period (circa 1780-1850). The bottle is formed in white "snowflake" glass, characterised by its delicate suspension of fine crystalline inclusions, overlaid in rich ruby-red glass. The overlay is superbly carved in openwork with sinuous chilong (archaic dragons), their bodies fluid and deeply undercut in a manner closely recalling earlier jade carving traditions. Of particular note is the refined and uncommon treatment of the base, where the tail of one chilong forms a coiled foot, elevating the vessel slightly -- an elegant archaistic feature rarely encountered on glass examples and indicative of a more sophisticated workshop. The shoulders are set with mask and ring handles,

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further reinforcing the archaic aesthetic. The bottle retains its original solid silver mount and spoon, surmounted by a finely coloured coral stopper, showing honest wear consistent with use. A characterful and scholarly example of early overlay glass work, combining technical skill with classical inspiration. Height: 7.5 cm SOLD WITH A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY It is possible to pay in installments. If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me 0678679716 or email [tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tdixonfrance@yahoo.co.uk). Frais de port inclus pour la France. Shipping included in the price for FRANCE. Price does not include international shipping. Please contact me for a shipping quote. I am happy to combine shipping costs if you buy more than one item to save you money. Please note that I ship all items insured priority mail with tracking. I am an Englishman living down in the beautiful rural South of France and spend my days searching the little brocantes, flea markets, and shops for treasures. If you are forming a collection, I will be happy to advise you. Any questions will be answered promptly. MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION IF I MISREPRESENT SOMETHING IN ANY WAY. I want YOU to be happy at the end of the day, so buy with confidence. I take a great deal of care packing -- I have a proven track record of selling high value, fragile items that arrive safely worldwide. Payment: Credit Cards via PayPal. Cheque or Bank transfer. Other payment methods are available, please ask. We speak English and French. Nous parlons anglais et français.